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Description of the service or services in dispute:

Description of the qualifications for each physician or other health care provider who reviewed the decision: Board Certified X

Upon Independent review, the reviewer finds that the previous adverse determination / adverse determinations should be:

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## Information Provided to the IRO for Review

## Patient Clinical History (Summary)

X who was injured on X. The X was X. The X and X.

On X was evaluated by X, MD for follow-up. X had X. X did X. X did have X. X did have X. X was X. X was X and also a X. In summary, X had X for X. It had been X. X had X and also X. X had exceeded ODG guidelines. X had X. X was noted at the X. X to have a X and a X. Again, X was noted that X and X. X and X of the X. A X was also noted, X. X including X revealed X and also X. Again, this was X. X with regard to X were again noted. The X with X with X and X. On X presented for follow-up. X continued to X. X had X. X was again denied based on the X. X was X which documented X. X clearly X. X did show X. X continued to X. X had

X. It had X. X revealed X. X was noted at the X. X to have a X. Again, X was noted X. X were noted with regard to X. A X was noted. X and X did X. A X was also noted, X. X including X revealed X. Again, this was X. X was also noted with this X. X with X were again noted.

An X revealed X.

Treatment to date included X.

Per a utilization review notice of adverse determination letter dated X, MD recommended that the request for X be noncertified. X: "The ODG recommends at X. The ODG recommends X when there has been a X. The ODG recommends X. The provided documentation indicates there is X. X and X and X. A X showed X and X. The provider indicates that on the review of the X there is a X. When noting there is a X. While X, or X as there is X. Based on the available information, X are medically necessary. The ODG supports the use of a X. As X is medically necessary, a X is medically necessary. The ODG does not recommend X. There are X. Based on the available information, X is not medically necessary. However, as this X was X the requests remain not certified at this time."

Per the office visit dated X, Dr. X went over the denial. The reviewer felt X. At that point, it had been X. X had X. X had X. X had X. X must X. X in this type of X. This would X. Furthermore, X now had more X. Again, X had exceeded ODG guidelines. Furthermore, X was X. X mechanism of injury X. X had been established. X was X. Again, the recommendation was that of X. Dr. X discussed the X. X would require an X. This was considered X and medically necessary. X was given X. The X was also discussed. An X by X would be ordered, which would be X. This was a medical necessity. Current X the fact that this X and X and X. This also had been X that were X after X. In X remained a X. X also X and also could X. For this reason, this X was a medical necessity. They would again appeal to the X for authorization. In the interim, X would continue with X. Per a X of appeal adverse determination letter dated X, the prior denial was upheld as not medically necessary by X, MD. X: "The ODG does not X. The X of the X and X. The X of the X. The X are reported as X. There is X. There may be X, but that is X or X. If the X is not certified, the X. Dr. X reviewed all X that Dr. X would have to X in a peer-to-peer, but X. Therefore, the appeal requests are upheld and non-certified."

## Analysis and Explanation of the Decision include Clinical Basis,

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## A description and the source of the screening criteria or other clinical basis used to make the decision:

- ACOEM-America College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine
- AHRQ-Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Guidelines
- DWC-Division of Workers Compensation Policies and Guidelines П

European Guidelines for Management of Chronic Low Back Pain

Intergual Criteria

- Medical Judgment, Clinical Experience, and expertise in accordance with  $\checkmark$ accepted medical standards
- Mercy Center Consensus Conference Guidelines
- Milliman Care Guidelines
- $\checkmark$ **ODG-Official Disability Guidelines and Treatment Guidelines**
- Pressley Reed, the Medical Disability Advisor
- Texas Guidelines for Chiropractic Quality Assurance and Practice Parameters

- □ TMF Screening Criteria Manual
- Peer Reviewed Nationally Accepted Medical Literature (Provide a description)
- Other evidence based, scientifically valid, outcome focused guidelines (Provide a description)